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SUBJECT: CUBAN-MOROCCAN RELATIONS

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- 1. EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR TOLD ME MAY 19 THAT, ACCORDING TO EASTERN EUROPEAN DIPLOMATIC SOURCES IN RABAT, CUBAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE HAD RECENTLY TAKEN A FORMAL DECISION TO RECOGNIZE THE POLISARIO AS A LIBERATION MOVEMENT. CUBAN EMBASSY IN RABAT HAD THEREFORE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO PREPARE FOR BREAK IN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AT MOROCCAN INITIATIVE, IN WHICH CASE EAST GERMANS TO LOOK AFTER CUBAN INTERESTS.
- 2. COMMENT: THIS REPORT REMAINS TO BE VERIFIED. IF, HOWEVER, THE CUBANS HAVE IN FACT NOW INCREASED THEIR PUBLIC IDENTIFICATION CONFIDENTIAL

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WITH POLISARIO, FOLLOWING FOREIGN MINISTER LARAKI'S STRONG STATEMENT CRITICIZING CUBAN VIEWS ON ZAIRE (REFTEL), MOROCCANS COULD FEEL COMPELLED TO SHOW FIRMNESS WITH CUBA AS A WAY OF DISCOURAGING OTHERS FROM UNFAVORABLE SHIFTS ON THE SAHARA ISSUE.

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